



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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## Holiday Festival of the Arts

Come do your holiday shopping at the Help Center's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Festival of the Arts in Bozeman, Montana on Thanksgiving weekend.

The *Holiday Festival* is the primary fundraiser of Bozeman's HELP CENTER, a 24-hour crisis counseling and referral center serving the people of the Gallatin Valley. The Help Center offers many free services including a daily telephone call to seniors through its Telecare program, and trauma recovery counseling and advocacy through the Sexual Assault Counseling Center. The Help Center is also a suicide hotline accredited by the American Association of Suicidology. All

proceeds from ticket sales as well as revenue from a silent auction benefit the Help Center and its programs.

The *Holiday Festival of the Arts* began 32 years ago and has grown from a small event with a handful of vendors and a small gathering of shoppers to become a major event with media sponsorship, utilizing all four buildings at the fairgrounds. This annual holiday tradition brings together shoppers and more than 100 of the top artists and craftspeople from throughout the Northwest to provide a unique shopping opportunity.

The *Holiday Festival* is a juried format, ensuring that only the best

regional artists and craftspeople are selected to participate in the show. The result is an outstanding selection of arts and crafts for shoppers ranging from photography to painting; natural furniture to stained glass art, all offered at one location. Every item at the event is handmade and with the diversity of the arts and crafts offered, there is something of interest for everyone's taste.

The event will take place Thanksgiving weekend at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds from 12 pm to 5 pm on Friday, November 27 and from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, November 28. Adult admission is \$3 for one day. Children under 12 will be admitted for free.

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## Veterans Day November 11

An important opportunity to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have risked all to defend our country!

## Need a Place for Your Christmas Party?



The Fairgrounds has numerous heated buildings that work great for your office Christmas party. Exhibit buildings #1, #2 and #3

have recently been remodeled inside and look awesome! Building #4 has a commercial kitchen and is great for those venues that are catered.

Many dates are still open and available. If you are interested, please call the office (582-3270)

to check your preferred date. Pricing and photos of our buildings and grounds can be seen on our website at [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org). Click on the Facilities Rental Information link.

## 4th Annual Pray for Snow Party - November 6

Big Sky Brewing, The Moose KMMS radio, Outside Bozeman, and the Friends of the Gallatin Avalanche Center are excited to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pray for Snow Party and fundraiser, Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman from 6pm-11pm.

The Pray for Snow Party is an evening of fun and entertainment held to celebrate the upcoming winter season and to raise money and awareness for the Friends of the Gallatin Avalanche Center.

The evening's entertainment includes music by DJAJ, local's favorite 'Archers Mob', and headlining with the 'Lifesavas' providing energetic hip-hop from California.

We've teamed up with Bozeman's own Cold Smoke Awards to provide Level 1 Productions 'Refresh' ski movie premiere. The highlight of the event is the 'Burning Dog' Powder Hound bonfire held as an offering to the Snowgods to ensure abundant snowfall in Montana this winter. Finally, a regional "Beer Quaffing" qualifying event will open up the evenings entertainment.

Representatives from area ski resorts and food vendors will also be on hand along with plenty of Big Sky Brewing's famous Montana-brewed beers. A huge raffle will be held including lift tickets, skis and the hottest backcountry gear.

Join us to help raise money for our local avalanche center while

generating excitement in our community for the upcoming winter season! Tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds from the event go to the Friends of the Avalanche Center, a 501c-3 non-profit foundation dedicated to avalanche education and forecasting.



## Marketing Minute - Bridger Feeds

Wow! It's amazing to think how fast the year has flown by and here at the Fairgrounds, we are busy planning the 2010 Wild West WinterFest. This winter community event offers many activities and would not even be possible without the help from great volunteers and sponsors. Bridger Feeds, happens to be both!

Bridger Feeds is a locally owned and operated animal nutrition center dedicated to great customer service, quality products, and knowledgeable staff. Bridger Feeds is not only a sponsor for both WinterFest and the Gallatin County Fair; they

also provide volunteers to staff various activities and are a welcome addition to the Fairgrounds events. Libby and the gang at Bridger Feeds



can answer your questions about products, nutrition for your animals and provide you with delivery if you need it. Bridger Feeds carries hun-

dreds of brands and is sure to have something for any of your four-legged friends. Bridger Feeds has been a strong supporter of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds throughout the years as well as many other community organizations throughout the county.

Please thank them with your patronage and check out their store located on Evergreen Drive in Bozeman for your next farm animal, horse and pet supply purchase!

Jaime Cargill  
Sponsorship Manager  
jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**Nov. 6 ... Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting 6:30am Holiday Inn**  
**Nov. 17 ... Fair Board Meeting 5:30pm Fairgrounds Office**  
**Nov. 19 ... Wild West WinterFest Meeting 5:30pm Fairgrounds Office**

## NOVEMBER Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

November 1	Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show (\$4 admission)	10am - 3pm	Bldgs #1 & #2
November 5	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
November 6	Pray for Snow Party (\$10 admission)	6pm - 11pm	Fairgrounds Midway
	Ski Swap Consignments (\$1 per item)	10am - 7pm	Building #2
November 7	Ski Swap Sale for Club Members Only	9am - 10am	All 4 Exhibit Bldgs.
	Ski Swap Sale for General Public (\$2 admission)	10am - 5pm	All 4 Exhibit Bldgs.
November 8	Ski Swap Sale - General Public (Free admission)	10am - 2pm	All 4 Exhibit Bldgs.
November 11	CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY		
November 13	Youth Dance - (under 21) House Productions (\$6 admission)	9pm - 12am	Building #3
	Battle of the Bands - Chamberlin Productions	6pm - 12am	Indoor Arena
November 14	The Deadliest Catch Tour Concert	6pm - 12am	Indoor Arena
November 17	Fair Board Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
November 19	WinterFest Committee Meeting (Public is welcome to attend)	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
November 20	Youth Dance - (under 21) House Productions (\$6 admission)	9pm - 12am	Building #3
November 26	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING		
November 27 & 28	Holiday Festival of the Arts (\$3 admission/day - 11 & under free)	12pm - 5pm Nov. 27: 12pm - 5pm and Nov. 28: 10am - 4pm	All 4 Exhibit Bldgs.

Please visit [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org) for updated information on our Calendar of Events.

## Wild West WinterFest February 12 - 14, 2010



### FAIR BOARD MISSION STATEMENT

*Adopted May 19, 2009*

**"To provide an enjoyable, safe, year-round, multi-use public facility emphasizing opportunities in entertainment, education, agriculture and recreation that enhances partnerships in building a stronger community."**

# BAHA (Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association)



The ice is skating great in Haynes Pavilion! Youth and Adult Hockey, Figure Skating and Public Skating are well underway and Eagle Mount will start soon.



**Junior "A" ICEDOGS home games** are October 23, 30 and 31 and November 7, 13, 18, 20 and 27. Full game schedule, as well as nightly and season ticket prices can be found at [www.bozemanicedogs.com](http://www.bozemanicedogs.com).

## LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM AND PUBLIC SKATING

Learn to Skate offers Figure Skating and Hockey Skating lessons beginning October 11th for youth and adults. For more information contact Mariana Hurta: [bozemanfsc@gmail.com](mailto:bozemanfsc@gmail.com) or 580-0551.

Public skating is available during the following times: 8-11:50AM M-F and 12-1:20PM Saturdays- \$5 adults/ \$3 kids. Please deposit payment in yellow post in main West entrance. Skates are available to rent on Saturdays at Haynes for \$5 or on weekdays at Play It Again Sports. Please visit [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org) for the exact ice schedule.

## ICEDOGS YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Children age 4-8 can still sign up for our Termite and Mite level house league hockey teams. For more information please visit our webpage: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).



## HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE (HHL) ADULT PROGRAMS

The HHL has approximately 375 skaters with 4 Novice (D3) teams, 10 Recreational teams, 7 Power teams and 4 VHW (over-35) teams. The Rec and Power leagues are full. To sign up for D3, VHW or Adult Intro to Hockey (see below), please contact Elizabeth Edwards at: [edwards.elizabeth.a@gmail.com](mailto:edwards.elizabeth.a@gmail.com).

Adult Intro to Hockey for first-time skaters and any adult wanting to improve their skating or puck handling skills. Seven 50-minute coached sessions, 4:30-5:20PM Sundays from mid-October through mid-December (2nd session Jan-March)- \$75.

Adult Puck Lunch is open M-F from 11AM-12:50PM. Cost is \$6 for BAHA Adult League members and \$12 for non-members. Signup on clipboard in main West entrance, put money in an envelope with your name on it and deposit in yellow post.

## What is a Ski Swap?

The Bridger Ski Foundation will hold its annual Bozeman Ski Swap November 6, 7 and 8 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Except for the first hour, this annual event is open to the public.

What is a Ski Swap? At a ski swap you'll find a wide selection of consigned ski equipment where others turn over their old skis, snowboards, outgrown clothing and accessories. Proceeds to benefit the Bridger Ski Foundation, a non-profit organization providing educational, competitive and social activities for youth to foster personal and athletic excellence.

The prices are kept low and offers the skier all the appropriate

gear they could need for a day on the slopes. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to help you price and find the gear that is right for you!



Lots to choose from!

For more details and membership information call BSF at 587-2445 Tues. - Fri. from 12:30 to 5:00pm.

### SKI SWAP HOURS

Consignments: Friday, Nov. 6 in Bldg #2 between 10am & 7pm  
(costs \$1 for each item consigned)

Swap open to club members:  
**Saturday, Nov. 7 ... 9am - 10am**  
(members only for the 1st hour)

Swap opens to general public:  
**Saturday, Nov. 7 ... 10am - 5pm**  
(admission \$2 for non-members)

Swap opens to general public:  
**Sunday, Nov. 8 ... 10am - 2pm**  
(free admission for all)

Pickup consigned items:  
Sunday, Nov. 8 between  
2pm and 5pm



## FairEver Yours - From the Manager

Hope the this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy and enjoying our UNIQUE fall weather. The snow and cold weather hit just in time for me. I am not good at the hot weather and it seems September was warmer than July.

This month, I am going to tell you just a bit about the five guys who keep the Fairgrounds clean and safe for you to use. They also get all the buildings, arenas, grounds and equipment ready for the County Fair in July and the Wild West WinterFest in February. They have no easy job. They have 30+ buildings to maintain, 68 acres to keep up and some very old equipment to keep running. Those are just their normal responsibilities. They are also kept busy helping our customers with their events.

Phil Hamel has worked at the Fairgrounds since September of 1999. He is the most senior Operations staff member. For ten years Phil has been working on the old buildings and equipment, helping to get ready for Fair and cleaning up after the events. He knows the Fairgrounds and what it takes to keep them up and make them safe. Phil came to us with a background in **landscaping and baking**. Isn't that a funny combination, but in **fact, they really aren't so different**. Both professions require creativity and patience. Phil has installed underground sprinkler systems and done some landscaping at the Fairgrounds. He would like to spend more time making the Fairgrounds greener, but there are just so many hours in a day. We are fortunate to have Phil and his special skills as part of the Fairgrounds team.

Rod Sullivan has been at the Fairgrounds for 4 ½ years. His job requires working outside in subzero **weather**. **This wasn't something** Rod was accustomed to. He moved to Montana from warm, sunny, **southern California (we don't hold that against him)** yet he has **actually acclimatized well and doesn't**

**seem to mind the cold anymore (he doesn't mind it any less either)**. Rod has a background in facility management and is a huge asset to the Fairgrounds and County. He can troubleshoot plumbing, heating and electrical problems. He knows about building repairs and keeping the work environment safe for staff and the public. Rod is very positive and friendly and gets along well with everyone. He always keeps the **customers' needs and safety in mind** and usually keeps them **laughing**. **Rod's sense of humor** and decorating abilities (you need to **visit the men's restroom in our office**) keep everyone smiling.

Bill Wallace has only been at the Fairgrounds one year. He has survived his first WinterFest and Fair and is still smiling. Bill has a construction background so when we need something built or a building repaired, Bill is our man! He is a big, easy going, guy who likes people and has taken a great interest in the Fairgrounds. Bill can get along with just about anyone and likes to be sure those using the Fairgrounds have what they need for their event. He brings some new ideas to the Fairgrounds and then can actually bring those ideas to fruition. Bill is cool – he never panics or becomes stressed even in some very stressful situations. His calm attitude keeps everyone else calm and moving forward. Bill has become an integral part of our team.

Bob Lemon is our person in charge of keeping all our old tractors, mowers, trucks and other equipment running. Bob is our half-time mechanic. He works for the Fairgrounds and also does some repair work for the County Weed Dept. At the Fairgrounds he takes **on the repairs of our 1950's grader, a couple of really old water trucks, an old Sheriff's Crown Victoria and a couple of older trucks including a 1965 Ford ½ Ton**. He comes to work, fixes stuff and then leaves. He never seems to get frustrated

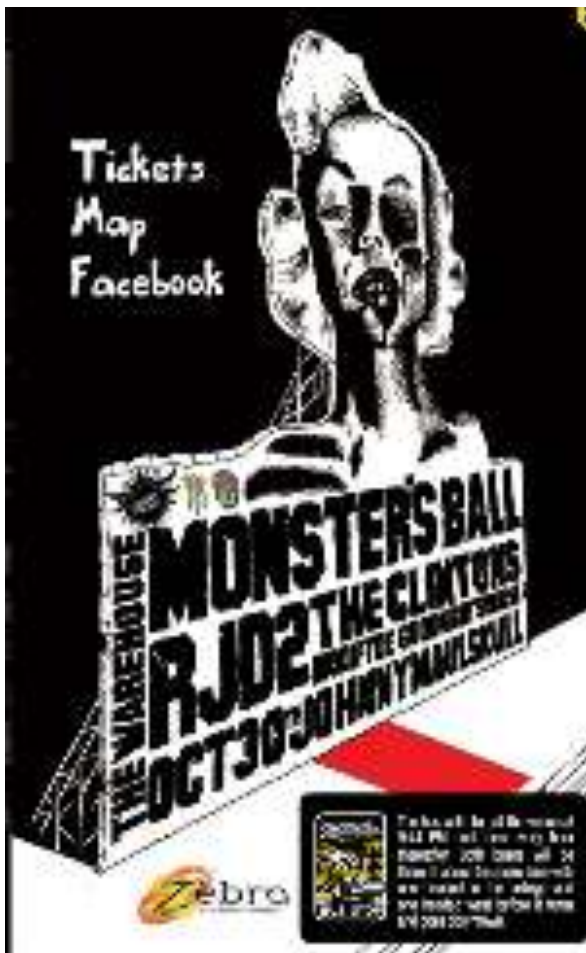
with our older equipment. I think he sees each piece as a challenge. Bob is also a great fabricator and has built and repaired gates, made attachments for our skid steer and fixed many other broken metal things around the grounds. We are so lucky to have Bob at the Fairgrounds. With his top mechanical skills and his positive attitude, we should be able to keep our equipment running for many years to come.

Our newest Operations person is **Darryl Curfman**. **Darryl's first day** on the job was October 19. He grew up on a ranch in northern Montana so operating tractors and being able to temporarily fix something with baling twine and duct tape are second nature. Darryl has just recently moved back to Montana from the State of Washington where he worked as a project manager. He **hasn't had much time yet to look** around and see what projects we need have completed at the Fairgrounds, but he will. The difference in his past job is that he managed the projects and in our Operations department he will not only be managing his projects, but will be doing **the work**. **"When you work for yourself, you work for a hard master"**. **The next time you're on the Fairgrounds in the evening** you may just run into Darryl. He will be working the afternoon and evening shift with Bill.

You have now met our entire **staff**. **The Fairgrounds wouldn't be** the same without each of these dedicated people. Each one has special skills they bring to the job, but they all have one thing in common – they care about the Fairgrounds and want to make it the best that it can be for the community.

*FairEver Yours,  
Sue Shockley  
Fairgrounds Manager*

## Monster's Ball—Last Minute Venue Change



### Monster's Ball

**Fairgrounds' Indoor Arena**

**Friday, October 30, 7pm-midnight**

**Tickets available \$12**

**[chamberlinproductions.com](http://chamberlinproductions.com) until Friday a.m.**

**\$15 at the door**

**Music by: RJD2, The Clintons, Modifyde, Goodnight Sunrise, Johnny Maulskull**

#### \*\*\*\*IMPORTANT VENUE CHANGE\*\*\*\*

**DUE TO SPECTACULAR TICKET SALES, WE HAVE RELOCATED TO THE INDOOR ARENA AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE AND WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!**

Terror stalks the land. Young and old would be wise to heed this dire warning from the darkest tower of this malevolent keep we call Chamberlin Productions. When the sun sleeps and the moon takes up her icy and pallid glare across the lands, the celebrity of the crypts will walk the earth. October the 30th marks the coming of a new age in all-hallows celebration as our darkest forces ooze through the streets to pour and drizzle the sonic terror of an undead legion into the ears of the fearful. Lock up your children, and hold close your superstitions...the monster's ball cometh.

## Veterans' Day—Nov 11



## Thanksgiving Day—Nov 26

